

Honored Committee Members

I am writing you in support of HB1525. As the president of a charity that has had many dealings with the State Attorney Generals Office gaming Division, I am in favor of removing the Attorney Generals Office as the Regulatory body for Charitable gaming. I have a problem with any organization being the Judge, Jury, and executioner of any industry. I am not saying the AG's Office shouldn't still be involved, it definitely should. I do believe the AG's office should have oversight and have a Commission that regulates Offences.

The AG's office has all the power, they hold your license in hand, they investigate, they dole out the punishment, they audit you, they control determination on eligible uses. This is too much power and control from any organization.

Right now there is not much recourse for a charity if you feel the AG's office has over stepped or treated you unjust. What if the State decides to pull your license, What if they decide to just not renew your license. I understand there is a process but it's all at the will of the AG's office.

I would go with Drew Wrigley's own words on a recent Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 interview Plain Talk Podcast, Mr Wrigley said **“at the end of the day if you want to save us a lot of time and headaches, take gaming enforcement away from us”** I think even he wants it removed from the AG's Office.

Thanks for any consideration

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